



NIDDERDALE RURAL  
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MEDICAL OFFICERS'  
ANNUAL REPORT.

for the  
Year Ended 31st December  
1942.

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The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year Ended  
31st December, 1942.

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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Nidderdale  
Rural District Council.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting for your  
consideration our Annual Report for the year 1942.

This year the Ministry of Health ask for  
a short interim report as in the previous two years, reserving Statistics  
of Sanitary Matters and Housing until a later date.

Your obedient Servants,

J.M. BENSON.

W.J. FORBES.

June, 1943.

Medical Officers of Health.



# MIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

## Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health.	{ J.H. Benson, M.B., B.Ch., Edin. W.J. Forbes, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspectors.	{ A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Food Inspectors.	{ A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

## Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres).....	75,004.
Registrar-General's estimated Resident Population.....	12,910.
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1942).....	3,670.
Rateable Value.....	£59,713.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£242.9.2d.
Social Conditions: Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants.....	

	Total.	M.	F.		
Live Births. { Legitimate.	195.	96.	99.	} Total...	206.
{ Illegitimate.	11.	7.	4.		
Rate per 1,000 of estimated population.....					15.9.
	Total.	M.	F.		
Still Births. { Legitimate.	3.	2.	1.	} Total...	4.
{ Illegitimate.	1.	1.	-		
Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.....					19.
Deaths: Males 69: Females 83.....				Total...	152.
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population.....					11.7.
Death Rate from Puerperal Sepsis (No. 29).....					Nil.
Death Rate from other Puerperal Causes (No. 30).....					Nil.
Puerperal Death Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births.....					Nil.
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-					
All Infants per 1,000 live Births.....					24.
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 live Births.....					24.
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 live Births.....					Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....					17.
Deaths from Measles (all ages).....					Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).....					Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....					Nil.

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year requiring comment.



## SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

Water Supply. There is no material change in the position regarding the water supply. This has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

### Cowsheds and Dairies.

Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies have been as frequent as the depleted staff could manage. The majority of the buildings are good but shortage of labour and extra farm work tends to cause neglect in keeping premises up to a good clean standard.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

New sewers are required in a number of the Parishes such as Arkendale, Brearton, Scotton, Burton Leonard, Concythorpe, Kettlesing and South Stainley.

### Public Cleansing.

Scavenging is in operation in 6 parishes. The parishes scavenged are:- Flaxby, Follifoot, Hampsthwaite, Killinghall, Pannal and Scriven.

### Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

Several camping grounds have been licensed. These are in a satisfactory condition.

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### EASTERN DIVISION.

### Water Supply.

The source of supply is from a borehole at Grafton. The borehole at Green Hammerton having been closed. The water is distributed by the Council to 17 parishes. The supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

### Cowsheds and Dairies.

Structural alterations are necessary in many cases to Cowsheds, but the majority of the buildings are good. Inspections of the Cowsheds are made regularly.

### Drainage and Sewerage.

There has been no extension of sewers during the year. Various parishes require sewerage.

### Public Cleansing.

Complete scavenging is made at Boroughbridge and Roecliffe. Monthly collection in operation throughout the District.  
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## WHOLE DISTRICT.

### Housing.

There is a lack of housing accommodation for Rural Workers.

### Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases.

There were 29 cases of Scarlet Fever; 10 Whooping Cough; 5 Diphtheria; 94 Measles; and 16 Pneumonia.

Diphtheria immunisation has been carried out. The percentage immunised is above the average for the rest of the Country. In many Schools 100% have been done and in some areas all children over one year have also been immunised.

### Tuberculosis.

6 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 10 Non-Pulmonary were notified during the year. This is slightly more than in the previous year, but it is about the average number - 2 deaths were due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 3 to Non-Pulmonary.

### Causes of Death at all Ages.

Heart Disease.....	48.
Cancer.....	17.
Apoplexy.....	19.
Pneumonia.....	5.

There were 4 deaths in persons over 20 years of age; 33 over 80; and 64 over 70. One half of the deaths were in persons over 70 years of age.

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